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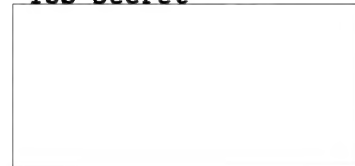
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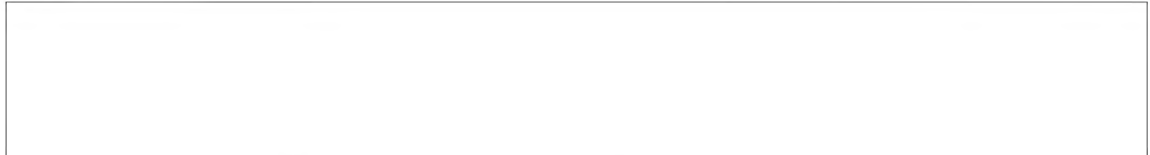
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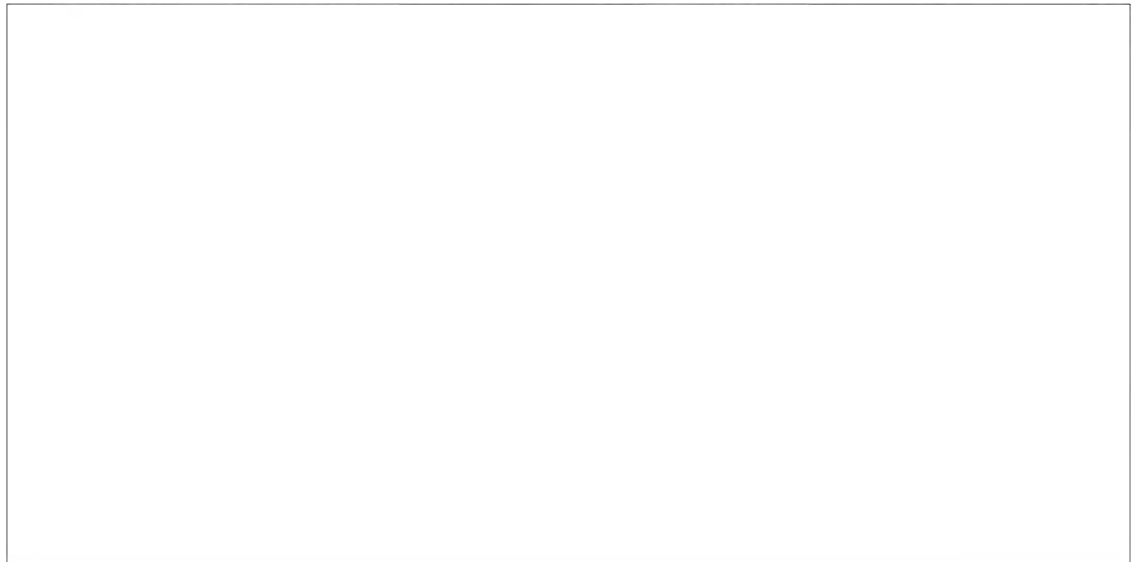
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③ GHANA-LIBYA: Caution Toward Tripoli

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$\frac{1}{5}$ The Rawlings regime is displaying caution in its dealings with Tripoli and extreme sensitivity to allegations of a Libyan hand in the recent coup. [redacted]

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$\frac{1}{5}$ No Ghanaian economic delegation materialized in Tripoli last week, contrary to earlier expectations, and the US Embassy in Accra reported it is not aware of any long-term aid offer that has been solicited from or offered by Libya to date. [redacted]

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$\frac{1}{3}$ Government spokesmen in Accra and Ghanaian delegations touring West African capitals repeatedly have sought to dispel speculation about a Libyan hand in Rawlings's coup. [redacted]

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$\frac{1}{5}$ Comment: The disorganized Rawlings regime is still trying to articulate its economic policies and aid needs, but shows no intention of turning exclusively to Libya for help. Libyan efforts to ingratiate themselves have been limited to two modest but well publicized gifts of food and medicine. [redacted]

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$\frac{1}{5}$ Despite allegations that Rawlings's coup was carried out by a hard core of ex-soldiers and others trained in Libya, there is no firm evidence of direct Libyan involvement in fomenting or executing the coup. Libyan behavior since the coup appears to be an opportunistic reaction. [redacted]

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$\frac{1}{4}$ It is possible, nonetheless, that some Ghanaians who actively supported the coup may have received training in Libya. Qadhafi has recruited West Africans for work and guerrilla training in Libya for many years [redacted]

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PERSIAN GULF: Defense Ministers' Meeting

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The Defense Ministers of the six Persian Gulf countries belonging to the Gulf Cooperation Council will meet today in Riyadh to discuss the growing threat from Iran.

3 Comment: Iran's recent military gains against Iraq and the Iranian-inspired coup attempt in Bahrain last month have injected a new sense of urgency into security deliberations of the Council. Over the short run, however, there is little these states can do that would significantly improve their defense capabilities. Creating an integrated air defense system--one option under consideration--or even a rapid reaction force will require a greater military sophistication than these countries have exhibited to date.

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